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1. SUMMARY - TOTAL OF THIRTEEN DIFFERENT PARTIES SEATED
CANDIDATES IN NORTH AS DEMOCRATS LED PACK TO WIN SIXTEEN
SLOTS. EX-UTPP PARTIES PLACED ONLY FOURTEEN WINNERS. MAJORITY
(26) OF WINNERS WERE NEWCOMERS TO NATIONAL POLITICAL SCENE,
AND CONSULATE PREDICTIONS WERE ONLY 43 PERCENT CORRECT. GOVERNXNT
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RAN ELECTION EXTREMELY WELL, AND TO DATE CONSULATE KNOWS

OF ONLY TWO REPORTS OF IRREGULARITIES. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING ARE PRELIMINARY RESULTS SUPPLEMENTING REFTEL.

1. CHIANG RAI (8) - DISTRICT ONE: SONGTHAM PANYADI (THAI NATION), PHAYAP KANCANARAN (SOC AGRARIAN), SANTHAM SURIYAKHAN (NEW FORCE); DISTRICT TWO: DR. SOMSAT RATANASAK (SOC AGRARIAN), RIT INHANAN (SOC ACTION), PRAPHAN AMPHUT (PEACEFUL PEOPLE); DISTRICT THREE: CHAWENG WONGYAI (PEACEFUL PEOPLE), PRASIT PHANFUCHINDA (SOC ACTION).

B. KAMPHAENG PHET (3) - DR. PHRICHA MUSIKHUN (DEMOCRAT), SANOK PHEUNGCIAM (DEMOCRAT), MICHAÏ PHANTHUWON (DTCRAT).

C. LAMPANG (4) - DISTRICT ONE: SA-AT PIYAWAN (LABOR), DUSIT PHANICHAPHAT (SOC ACTION); DISTRICT TWO: BUNTHAENG THONGSAWAT (SOC ACTION), PHINIT CHANSURIN (SOC JUSTICE).

D. MAE HONG SON (1) - NARISON RATANAPHAITUN (NEW FORCE).

E. PHETCHABUN (4) - DISTRICT ONE: TIANCHAI UTHAWONG (SOC JUSTICE), PHANYA KESONTONG (SOC AGRARIAN); DISTRICT TWO: CHAIWAT TRAISUWAN (DEMOCRAT), KASEM BUTKUNTONG (DEMOCRAT).

3. SOME THIRTEEN DIFFERENT PARTIES WON SEATS AS FOLLOWS:

DEMOCRAT (16), SOC ACTION (6), SOC JUSTICE (5), SOC AGRARIAN (4), THAI NATION (3), PEACEFUL PEOPLE (3), NEW FORCE (3), THAI PARTY (2), SPECIALIST PARTY OF THAILAND (2), SOC NATIONALIST (2), LABOR (1), FREE PEOPLE (1), PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT (1).

4. TWENTY-SIX SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES HAD NEVER PARTICIPATED IN NATIONAL ELECTION BEFORE. AMONG WINNERS THIRTEEN HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN MP'S AND TEN HAD IN PAST RUN FOR PARLIAMENT BUT FAILED.

5. GOVERNMENT RAN ELECTION EXTREMELY WELL. LATE
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NIGHT INTEREST IN MOST PROVINCES WAS HIGH WITH LOCAL POPULACES GATHERING AT SALA KLANGS THROUGHOUT NORTH TO WATCH RETURNS COME IN. CONSULATE LOCAL EMPLOYEES REPORT THAT ATMOSPHERE WAS ONE OF EXCITEMENT AS OBSERVERS PLACED BETS ON CANDIDATES AND AT MIDNIGHT BROKE OUT THE BOOZE. ELECTION OFFICIALS WERE UP ALL NIGHT, AND BY MORNING MANY OF POSTERS BELONGING TO LOSERS HAD DISAPPEARED FROM STREETS. INCIDENTS KNOWN TO CONSULATE

OCCURRED IN LAMPANG AND PHITSANULOK. AT LAMPANG'S
HANG CHAT DISTRICT NAI AMPHOE PREPARED ONLY 400 BALLOTS
FOR 745 REGISTERED VOTERS. POLLING BOOTH RAN OUT OF
BALLOTS AT ABOUT 1300, AND AFTER WAITING AN HOUR FOR
MORE TO ARRIVE, DISGRUNTLED VOTERS LEFT BOOTH. IN
PHITSANULOK A DRUNKEN MAN ENTERED POLLING AREA CARRYING
A CANDIDATE'S POSTER AND DURING FRACUS WITH POLICE WAS SHOT
AND KILLED.

6. CONSULATE PREDICTED 21 AMONG 49 WINNERS.
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